

# Spotlight News

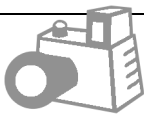
Live from the Red Carpet of Miss Gandelman's Room

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## Snapshots of Our Week



### Reading:

We have had a busy month! Students have either been reading biographies about astronauts, finishing guided reading books or learning about the solar system. We have really been focusing on the reading strategies, such as making connections and predictions. Over winter break I will be sending home an **optional extra credit book report**. It is due back on Jan. 4, 2010. If you need extra pages, they will be on the Wiki under "Winter Break".

### Writing:

The children have finished their expository on Fall. They learned about onomatopoeia and beginning a paragraph with a writer's comment or a question. They have enjoyed putting all these new ideas into their essays. We have also learned about similes and how to write one that adds emphasis to a story.

This week students are creating space postcards that persuade their friends and family to visit their planet.

### Math:

We have finished Chapter 5 and students learned about elapsed time, money concepts and the calendar. Next up is chapter 7, which is on probability. After winter break we will continue this chapter.

### Science/Social Studies:

In Science, the students just finished up their Space flipbooks. They researched information using books, magazines and internet resources and created a space-guessing book using Microsoft Word. Last Friday they shared their books with their buddies! We will begin our immigration/country study after winter vacation. Students have already been assigned a country to study and we will be doing many activities to further their knowledge.



## Coming Attractions

Dec. 18- Last day of school before Winter Break. Have fun!



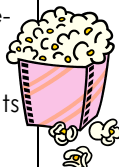
## Now Featuring

A Two-Thumbs Up Website

Grammar Practice Park

On this site, Children can play games and practice grammar skills.

[http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/preview/harcourt\\_language/grammar\\_park.html](http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/preview/harcourt_language/grammar_park.html)



## From The Teacher:

It's definitely Winter! The weather is cold, snow is on the ground and students are itching to play outside. The children have been working very hard in third grade and enjoyed teaching the class about the person they studied for the biography project. Today they created Planet advertisement posters using slogans, facts and other information to persuade someone to live on their planet. This afternoon they presented their posters to the class. They really enjoyed this activity!

On a personal note, I will not be in school Thursday and Friday. I am taking two days off before my wedding on December 19th! I will be sure to bring in pictures and put some on the wiki of the big day.

Have a wonderful winter break! I will be sending home reading logs, a winter break journal and an extra credit book report.

**Just a reminder of our class WIKI link:** <http://missgandelmanswiki.wikispaces.com/>